

February 1999 Newsletter

Warm Greetings....

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...on this very frosty day. Not that the weather stops us artists; a capacity crowd showed up in miserable weather for Joan McKinney's demo last month and we were rewarded with a lovely warm wicker, flowers, and porch scene! Our Valentine this month, courtesy of Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle, will be an oil painting demo by S. Allyn Schaefer, on Monday night, February 15th, 7:30 pm, at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. Many of you are familiar with Mr. Schaefer's work (and if you aren't, his work is featured in quite a few art books); this nationally known award-winning artist will have a lot to teach us.

To further titillate our artistic sensibilities, how about a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Salmagundi Club (for the AWS Show)? Debbie Hughes has arranged for our annual trip this year--on Saturday, April 17. Complete and final details will be in the March Newsletter, but we shall meet at Somerset County Library's upper parking lot 8:45 am, and we will be back either 5 or 6; cost is probably \$21. for all the chauffeuring to the Met, between the Met and the Salmagundi, and back home again. For now, just keep that date open! (Although if you want to call Debbie, she's at 908/725-4639).

RVAA wants to thank Treasurer Marion Cornwell for making up the final tallies on our Holiday Sale at the library and sending out all the checks. We actually took in \$2,558. so that the Somerset County Library will receive \$255.80. Nine artists sold 39 pieces with an average price of \$66. (only 10 paintings sold were over \$65). During the holidays people obviously are looking for small price items and if we have them and there are people show sitting when they get the impulse to buy, there will be sales. Also, small items like your notecards, jewelry you've made, etc. will usually sell.

Presently Nona Rutter and Debbie Seymour have a show of pastel paintings at La Dolce Vita Restaurant in Martinsville, through the end of March. There will be a group (four or five) people with a spring theme afterward. If you are interested in this theme or in having a show there in the future, singly or in a group, please drop me a note (phone calls sometimes are lost). Truthfully, so far we haven't realized sales there, but the hanging space is lovely; the owner is very friendly, and eventually we

believe something good will happen here.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD was awarded Second Place in the recent juried International Miniature Art Show at the Jane Law Art Gallery on Long Beach Island.

CONNIE GRAY (and Diana Patton) has work presently in the juried Johnson & Johnson Show. Connie just finished a two woman show at the Hillsborough Public Library, and, with the Professional Artists Group, at The 1860 House. She was also in the "Muse with the Blues" show at Gallery One Main in High Bridge and is in the current show with the Cycles Group of Contemporary & Abstract Artists at the Watchung Art Center.

Nona Rutter and Debbie Seymour have a two person show at La Dolce Vita in Martinsville, on Washington Valley Road, through the end of March.

At Somerset Art Association's 1999 Members' Juried Exhibition "Small Wonders" RVAA members Joan Raushi won an "Award of Excellence" for her small wonder "Father's Day" and Corinne Kenney won "Honorable Mention" for her small wonder "Parade". This was SAA's first small works show. Elsa Herrmann, Nona Rutter, Debbie Seymour, Audrey Wreszin, Marge Braun, Frank Zuccarelli, Linda Arnold, and Diana Patton were also in this show.

So--I hope more of you mail me news; I'm kind of doing this by hearsay, or if I'm in a show and note some of you are too. I could use some actual verifiable mail of YOUR news for upcoming issues!